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The farewells given for Sir John Ross and his niece were really most pleasant to be carried out from the largest of the diners to the most select and smallest of the teas.

The entertained have also been the entertainers; Sir John Ross had a number of dinners during the last week here, Major and Mrs. Mansel one, and Miss Colman one at Bellevue with no guests but ladies, on the same evening chosen by Mr. and Mrs. Mansel for entertaining the general.

The Tyne, which arrived on the first of this week has brought us several old friends, for at least, a short visit. Mr. Hunter, Mr. K. A. Hunter, Mr. Blair, having just received his ship, I saw him on Monday looking very well and jovial, and not changed in the least during his two years absence.

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two plantation glee, being well rendered indeed. Those singing included Capt. and Mrs. Clarkson, Miss Dorcas Clarkson, Mrs. Jas. Stairs, Miss West, Mr. Elliot, Mr. McDonald and Major Brady, Miss Morrow playing the accompaniment. Amongst other performers were Miss Burns and Mr. Heustis, both singing sentimental ditties, hardly in cafe chantant form or style.

By the way, there was the good dressing of most of our Halifax ladies. With the notable exceptions of Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. James Morrow and Miss Morrow, pretty gowns were conspicuous by their absence, although Mrs. Corbett and Miss Laura so very pink, that naturally one thought the bazaar would "give up" to them.

Major Mansel has been most unfortunate as regards the letting of The Oaks, which is on his hands for another six months, during which there is very little likelihood of its finding a tenant. People are shy of taking country houses here for the winter, although there are plenty of neighbors who would like to be a satisfied and long-tenured.

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DEC. 9.—With blizzards in Winnipeg, cyclones in Moncton, and I know not what elsewhere, we ought to consider ourselves highly favored as to weather—mild and balmy as that of October. Sunday was especially a pet day, and the fairness of the evening tempted many (myself among the number) to leave their own churches for St. Matthew's, St. Paul's, etc., in Halifax, and as the steamer Halifax was on that day, the church boat was pretty well crowded.

The second meeting of the Fortnightly Club at Mrs. A. E. Ellis' on Thursday was a most enjoyable one and very largely attended; besides the regular club members, Mrs. Ellis had invited a number of her Dartmouth and Halifax friends, so it made in all a pretty large gathering. A reinforcement from the Bank of British North America was a very welcome addition, for, as I have said before, young men are a scarce commodity in Dartmouth.

I was glad to see one young medic making one of our number, as he has not previously joined us since his return from abroad. The music was furnished by the Harpers, and was delightful to dance by, so you may be sure not many bars of it were missed by any who are fond of dancing. The next meeting is to be on Tuesday, the 15th, at Mrs. Stephen Siroons. The day has been changed this time to Tuesday owing to the Harpers being elsewhere engaged on the regular day.

On Thursday there was also a lecture at the Church of England Institute, which was more largely attended than these lectures are wont to be. Prof. Chas. MacDowall was the lecturer, and any one who has ever once heard him would be anxious to do so again. The subject of his lecture was "The Man in the Moon Interviewed," and many who were not knowing the fun of humor of which the lecturer is possessed, expected to have a rather dry astronomical discourse, but many others had before heard his humorous lectures, and were therefore well prepared to laugh a good deal and were certainly not disappointed. Almost all the follies of the age received a telling and many bars of it were missed by any who are fond of dancing.

On Friday there was an organ recital in St. Paul's church. I wondered a little that any device to raise money would be allowed there, as bazaars at all the altars have been so thoroughly abolished; and I was not surprised to see the question propounded as to what was the difference between fancy work, etc., for church purposes and selling music for the same cause. However, judging from the receipts—eighty dollars from eighteen hundred people—a good many did not set against their conscience by money on the plate, but enjoyed the music gratis. It seemed a pity so many should have been so glibly converted to the cause of St. James' and his happy wife were his old pastor to hear his voice again in the choir.

Miss Nellie Duran returned last week from Picton. Master H. Duran accompanied her. Miss Robson entertained a number of young people (her Sunday school class, and some others invited to meet them) on Friday night, and a most delightful evening was spent, all the young people declaring it was the pleasantest party they ever attended.

Mrs. Turner, who has been very ill for the last week is slowly improving. YARMOUTH. PROGRESS is for sale in Yarmouth at the stores of E. L. Vickery and Harris & Horsfall.

DEC. 8.—Among the entertainments for the past week was a light tea given by the ladies interested in the Young Men's Christian association of Yarmouth. The proceeds were to aid in furnishing the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. The supper was given in their rooms on Main street, on Thursday last, and considering the large number of other entertainments which took place that and the previous week, was a success. The ladies interested in the Y. M. C. A. acted as waiters, and satisfied everyone present with an excellent bill of fare.

Miss Flossie Barker has returned from her visit to New York. Rev. Mr. Woodland, who has been absent from his church on a short vacation is home again and will resume his duties on Sunday next. Mr. Frank Killam is absent on a trip to Boston. Mrs. J. V. Bunzay is home from Worcester, Mass., where she has been enjoying musical privileges for the past two months.

Miss Mary Gray arrived home last week. Mr. W. M. S. is in the city. Among the Yarmouthians lately returned home is Mrs. John Killam, who has been spending some weeks with relatives in Boston. Mr. Fred Clements, of Boston, has been enjoying a few days in Yarmouth this week. Mr. G. H. Palmer, of St. John, spent a short time in Yarmouth last week. Mr. George Johnson is absent from home on a trip to Boston.

The ladies of Trinity church met in the Sunday-school rooms on Monday last to make preparations for a Christmas entertainment. There have been no parties this week, as every one is busy preparing for Christmas. The stores have begun to put on their holiday attractiveness, although the weather is not all December like. There is some talk of a New Year ball to be held in Killam's hall. All who have been fortunate enough to receive an invitation to the previous balls will no doubt be delighted at the prospect of another next month. There is a rumor that we are to have the skating rink again this winter.

ANNAPOLIS. PROGRESS is for sale in Truro at Mr. G. O. Fulton's. DEC. 9.—Mr. J. Pardon, of St. John, has been in town for several days. Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Phillips, who have been spending their honeymoon in Boston, spent Sunday here on their way home to Halifax. Mrs. Phillips received on Tuesday and Wednesday. Miss Grace Robinson's many friends are glad to welcome her home again after a long visit to the "Hub." She returned on Monday via St. John. A little son and heir arrived at Mr. H. L. Rudolf's on Sunday.

I understand that we are to be unusually gay during the Christmas holidays. At least four dances are talked of, two of them house-warmings, and the others given by ladies who are so well known as business as to make it only necessary to mention their names in connection with parties to assure us that we may expect good times. Mrs. John McCormick, of Bridgetown, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Walter McCormick. On Sunday, the 27th, the Free Masons are to have their usual anniversary service in St. Luke's church. The music both on that and Christmas day is to be exceptionally fine.

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